

## THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

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## The Sabbath.

The current of modern thought is in the direction of a looser observance of Sunday. In cities like Chicago and Cincinnati it has become a day of relaxation and diversion, rather than a day of rest. The horse-cars run, papers are delivered, theatres and other places of amusement are open, excursions flourish, meat-shops, grocery stores, barber-shops, and the saloons carry on their business as part of the day. Upon the continent of Europe it is not unusual to see building operations prosecuted with as much energy as upon other days. A slight show of necessity and the Sabbath is made a day of toil.

It is worth while for the great mass of the people to think over this matter, before it is carried into politics and while it can be considered dispassionately. Is it wise to make the Sabbath a day of diversion?

Workingmen labor hard six days in the week. For health, bodily strength, mental refreshment, a day of rest is necessary. Excursions, and other outdoor amusements, only set the body in motion in a new direction, they do not give rest. To make Sunday a general holiday is to promote disturbances of the peace, to prevent mental growth, or bodily rest and to increase the number of those who must labor, and after all, this is the most serious objection to making Sunday a holiday. If excursion boats run, engineers, firemen and deck-hands must work. The same is true of horse-cars, steam cars, theatres, newspaper offices, and the thousand-and-one trades which must contribute to the general diversion. More than this, it necessarily follows, that if men may work to give recreation, they may also work in factories or at their trades when occasion requires. Indeed, it has already come to pass that the repairing in factories is largely done upon the Sabbath, and this by men who have already worked during the entire week.

A further step is not far off. If men may work upon the Sabbath, the time will not be distant when they must work or starve. Competition is given as the reason for reducing the wages of seamstresses to the starvation limit by the men who employ them. If one factory works seven days in the week, others must follow or fail in the competition. If one boss-carpenter employs his men upon the Sabbath, he has an advantage over his neighbor in the quickness with which he can execute his contracts. If one theatre is open every night others must follow or see their patrons leave them. Newspaper competition has secured a general Sunday newspaper. Every other trade will be compelled to succumb to the unfeeling law of commerce, that what one does all must do.

Not too early, do we call attention to this important matter. It is not a question of parties. The people are not politicians. They have no great stake in the success of either party except as they represent vital principles—and this principle is vital. There was a time in the anti-slavery discussion where Abraham Lincoln, standing up before an audience in Illinois, declared that the States of the Union must become all slave or all free.

There may come a time in America, when the people must decide whether the Sabbath shall be a day of rest, or a day of toil. It is useless to call names—to say that a day of rest is a "puritanical" Sunday. Facts are more important than names. The question is, Shall men work or shall they rest upon the Sabbath?

## Now Then!

The First Assembly Convention have nominated Mr. McGowan and thereby showed much wisdom; the County Convention have nominated Mr. Martin for Senator, Mr. Hine for Sheriff and Mr. Smith for Clerk, thereby not only showing much wisdom but exhibited some very fine political work amidst some very trying political complications. The republicans of Essex County and the First Assembly District may well feel proud of their work in the selection of delegates this year. Not within the memory of living voters has a more unexpected ticket been nominated, and we doubt if many remember as good a one. The ticket as a whole seems almost ideally perfect. It is doubtful if another four men could be selected in Essex County, of more unblemished character in private life, or more fitted by previous training in public life, to perform the duties of the respective offices for which they have been nominated.

Now then let every republican sustain by his vote and influence, the action of the party representatives; let the independent voters whose creed is "candidates not parties" show the mettle that is in them, and prove that

they subscribe some useful purpose in the community, by sustaining those leaders of the republican party who have had the wisdom and the nerve to nominate a ticket as good as human nature allows; and let those of all parties, who believe that their opinions are more likely to receive attention, and their rights to be respected by upright and reasonable men, than by political cranks who agitate but never settle, and demagogues who are all things to all men before election and all things to themselves after, vote to put the first sort into office.

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